

ALLEY Rundown – September 19th- 20th, 2026

Bible Story: How to Read the Bible • *Matthew 6:11; 2 Timothy 3:16-17*

Conversation Starter: What do you want to learn from the Bible?

Monthly Memory Verse: *My sheep listen to my voice. I know them, and they follow me.* • John 10:27 NIV

LG Supplies: Game Buzzer

PRE-SERVICE VIDEOS: *Dude Perfect*

SLIDE: *Theme*

Hey, everybody! Welcome to The Alley! I'm so pumped that all of you are here. If it's your first time here, we're so glad to hang out with you. If you've been here before, welcome back.

Well, we can figure out the answer to that one later! We're in a series called: 'Frequency—Learning to Hear from God.' And we are, in fact, learning all about how to hear from God all month long. Hearing from God isn't something that's only for pastors or grown-ups or people who have been following Jesus for longer than you've been alive. You can hear from God!

Before we get into to all that, I have a game for you guys where we're going to do some not-so-light reading!

GAME SLIDE 1: *High Rogue Liffs! Title*

Who here knows what hieroglyphics are? Hieroglyphics, or hieroglyphs, can be thought of as a picture alphabet used by civilizations thousands of years ago. Some ancient cultures used pictures of birds, snakes, and other symbols. So today we're going to be forming teams, and we're going to have our own version of hieroglyphs, and you guys need to figure out what they say!

Here's what's going to happen: you are going to see a few pictures pop up on the screen, and then say what those pictures are out loud. They will make a word or even a few words! Here's an example:

GAME SLIDE 2: *(Sun and glasses images)*

In this example, we have two pictures—what are they? When you combine them, what word do they make?

GAME SLIDE 3: *(Sunglasses answer)*

Sunglasses! Exactly!

Let's divide into teams. *(Divide into smaller groups. At least 2 depending on how many kids you have)*

Now, each team, choose a runner in your team to hit the buzzer for this first round.

Teams, your goal is to figure out as a group what the hieroglyph on the screen says. When you think you know what it is, your team runner will run up here and hit the buzzer.

After you've hit the buzzer, you'll tell us what you think the hieroglyph says, and we'll tell you if you're correct. If your team gets it right—you get a point! Whichever team at the end with the most points wins the grand prize of getting a high five from [*name of a random leader in the room*].

A couple of things before we get started, only *one* person is going to run up and hit the buzzer for your team. If a team gets it wrong, they can't answer anymore, but the other teams can give it a try.

Are you guys ready for the weirdest reading assignment of your lives? Here we go!

Here's the first challenge!

(Start the game and make sure the teams are only sending one kid up to the bell/buzzer.)

(Play rounds as time allows. Make sure that kids are sharing the responsibility of being the runner. You can give hints if need be. The other game slides and answer slides are below.)

GAME SLIDE 4: *(Ice and box images)*

GAME SLIDE 5: *(Icebox answer)*

GAME SLIDE 6: *(Palm and tree images)*

GAME SLIDE 7: *(Palm tree answer)*

GAME SLIDE 8: *(Man and go images)*

GAME SLIDE 9: *(Mango answer)*

GAME SLIDE 10: *(Apple and pi images)*

GAME SLIDE 11: *(Apple pie answer)*

GAME SLIDE 12: *(Honey and comb images)*

GAME SLIDE 13: *(Honeycomb answer)*

GAME SLIDE 14: *(Coffee and table images)*

GAME SLIDE 15: *(Coffee table answer)*

GAME SLIDE 16: *(Cow and boy images)*

GAME SLIDE 17: *(Cowboy answer)*

GAME SLIDE 18: *(Car and @ symbol and tea images)*

GAME SLIDE 19: *(Karate answer)*

GAME SLIDE 20: *(Straw, bear, and letter "E" images)*

GAME SLIDE 21: *(Strawberry answer)*

GAME SLIDE 22: (Ants, number 10, and letter “A” images)

GAME SLIDE 23: (Antenna answer)

Great job, everyone! How’d we like ‘High Rogue Liffs’?

Could you imagine if that’s how you guys had to read in your books for school? Just trying to piece together pictures? I don’t know that I could make it past the first class of the day if I had to read like that.

It’s time for us to look at our Memory Verse for the month. These are words straight from Jesus—He wanted to know this truth, so He shared it while He was here on earth! This verse reminds us of the truth that as Jesus’ followers, He knows us fully, and He speaks to each of us.

SLIDE: Memory Verse

“My sheep listen to my voice. I know them, and they follow me.” —John 10:27 NIV

Question for you guys—does anyone in here enjoy reading? What is your favorite book? I love reading! It’s so nice to be able to relax with a good book and learn new things or read stories that have me on the edge of my seat.

Well today we are going to talk about a really important book. What do you think it is? Yep! The Bible.

Think about all of the different stories you know in the Bible. David and Goliath. Noah and the flood. Daniel and the lions’ den. Jesus’ life. Knowing all of those stories that are in the Bible, and more, could we do the same thing with the Bible that we did with those other books? Well, not exactly. Because those individual stories in the Bible all point to a bigger story—the story of God’s great love for us. The Bible is quite a bit different than other books we read.

So, since the Bible is completely different than any other book, shouldn’t we treat it differently? Let’s check out what we are going to hear about the Bible today from the So and So Show.

VIDEO: The So and So Show: (10:42)

God gave us the Bible so we can get to know Him. What an incredible gift Scripture is to all of us!

Don’t be afraid to ask questions, don’t be afraid to tell God that something doesn’t make sense, because when we bring our honest selves to the Bible. God will meet us right then and there. Understanding that we can know God through the Bible, I have a question I want you guys to consider:

SLIDE: Conversation Starter **What do you want to learn from the Bible?**

There is so much in the Bible that we can learn. We can learn about creation, we can learn about how God wants us to treat one another, we can learn about how Jesus feels about us.

What is something you want to learn from Scripture? Maybe you’re struggling with how to deal with certain people, maybe you want to learn about how God encourages us in hard times, maybe you want

to know how to tell people about Jesus—let's talk about it and encourage one another with what we want to learn! Think about that as you head to Small Group, and we'll unpack it more there!

Would you guys pray with me?

God, we are so grateful that You gave us the Bible. We're grateful that You don't just want us to know about You, but that You want us to have a real relationship with You. As we go throughout our week, help us see the awesome opportunity we have to read our Bibles and continue to learn to hear from You. As we read, would You speak to each of us in a way that connects with our hearts? We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

CHECK THE TIME: There should be 25 minutes for small group. If LG is running late, skip the next part and just have kids bring up their money.

OFFERING

Do you remember what we are raising money for this year? Yep, Clean water wells in Malawi, which is a country in Africa. Having a well with clean water right in their village means women and children don't have to travel far away to other villages to get clean water, and then they don't have to walk back with heavy containers. Let's watch a video that was taken from a team from our church that just finished installing a brand new well. Listen carefully as the man is a little hard to understand.

Missions video 3

Amazing right? The money we raise for these wells really make a BIG impact the villages in Malawi!